



After the Storm

Rebuilding Communities & Nurturing Resiliency



St. Croix Foundation

THE CARE FUND

Within days of Hurricanes Irma and Maria, St. Croix Foundation for Community Development launched the CARE Fund to provide direct support to front-line relief efforts and holistic long-term recovery strategies. Today, your gift to the CARE Fund support our community's recovery in the following priority areas:

- ✓ **Coordination & Direct Support of Front-line Relief** – In the first 100 days after the hurricanes, the Foundation facilitated and sponsored the shipment and distribution of approximately 250,000 pounds of food, water, clothing, baby supplies and medical supplies.
- ✓ **Data Collection on Unmet Needs for Strategic Recovery** – In June 2018 the Foundation released two reports that summarize our findings from our Individual & Household Needs Assessment and our Nonprofit Capacity Survey.
- **Direct Resources for Local Nonprofit Organizations** – To date we've granted over \$600,000 to nonprofits through our CARE Grant, and we have secured and served as a conduit of another \$250,000 that went directly to nonprofits for rebuilding. The Foundation also provided office space, technical assistance, and aggressive advocacy for nonprofits both locally and nationally. And we're just beginning...
- **Sustainable Rebuilding Strategies for Homeowners** – The Foundation secured a tool donation from DEMA (Danish Emergency Management Agency) that is today being used by the St. Croix Long Term Recovery Group to help rebuild homes. We are also supporting the LTRG by providing free fiscal sponsorship services and helping to identify funding opportunities that will support homeowners' unmet needs.
- **Resiliency and Preparedness Planning** – The Foundation is working to secure funding for a block of homes that will serve as a model for green, sustainable energy independence and is also advocating for food security by working closely with the VI Good Food Coalition to determine unmet needs for farmers.

We've Only Just Begun...

As a nimble, place-based community foundation serving the Virgin Islands for over 27 years, St. Croix Foundation is committed to approaching disaster recovery differently—through a lens of equity, resilience, and collaboration.

As a community-centric philanthropic organization, we fundamentally believe that despite the dire circumstances created by the storms, our Territory has been afforded an unprecedented opportunity to build a global model of small island and rural self-sufficiency and sustainability. The Foundation is leading the charge with an ambitious agenda of *holistic* community development as we work aggressively to expand the Territory's visibility among national philanthropic networks. Our overarching goal is to encourage greater philanthropic investment in the US Caribbean today and in the future to ensure the health and stability of our critical nonprofit sector and the communities they serve.

In the aftermath of Hurricanes Irma and Maria, our CARE Fund is serving as a vehicle for directing financial resources toward St. Croix's vitally important nonprofit sector which is filling some of the most critical service voids in our community by providing targeted support for 1) programs that target our most vulnerable residents; 2) operational capacity in order to nurture greater self-sufficiency and resiliency; and 3) collaborative ventures that will diversify and ground our economy in *community!*

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